

HCS#2 HBs 1100 & 1421 -- FOOD PREPARATION (Fraker)

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: Committee on Professional Registration and Licensing

This bill allows a nonprofit organization to prepare food in a private home or other area for distribution to the end consumer at a charitable fundraising event.

The nonprofit organization must inform the consumer by placing a clearly visible placard at the serving location that states the food was prepared in a kitchen that is not subject to regulation and inspection by the regulatory authority.

Also, the nonprofit organization may notify the regulatory authority in writing or via email prior to the beginning of the event. If made, the notification must include the name of the nonprofit organization; date, time, and location of the event; and the name and contact information of the person responsible for the event.

The bill does not apply to a food establishment that is regulated by the Department of Health and Senior Services that provides food for the event.

Nothing in the bill would prohibit the department or local health agency from conducting an investigation of a foodborne disease or outbreak.

The provisions of Section 196.056 will not apply to Boone, Clay, Jackson, Jefferson, St. Charles, St. Louis Counties, Kansas City and the City of St. Louis.

The bill specifies that a cottage food production operation, which is defined as an individual operation out of the individual's home who produces a baked good, a canned jam or jelly, or a dried herb or herb mix for sale at the individual's home; has an annual gross income of \$50,000 or less; and sells the food produced only directly to consumers, is not a food service establishment and cannot be subject to any state or local food code laws or regulations. The Department of Health and Senior Services is required to establish rules requiring a cottage food production operation to label all foods intended for sale with the name and address of the operation and a statement that the food is not inspected by the department or a local health department. An operation cannot sell cottage foods through the Internet.